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the ability to do it. You're going to have to have the courage and, most of all, you're going to have to have the patience to let it pay off, because it's not going to happen quickly. the background of LB 620 for me. I don't like incentives. I don't know very many people that do like incentives unless you're the one getting the incentive, and then you think it's a great deal. But as a public policy, those not particularly attractive to us as But I am also tired of going to these forums. incentives are policymakers. I'm going to the meetings that you all go to or I hear many of our areas talk about I wish we had more people; I wish we had more stimulus. And so we'll put a little money here. We'll token money and we'll try to increase tourism. That's lip You need to make decent investment. So what does make service. sense? What I think I learned from the Revenue Committee, those years sitting there, is that we want new money; we just don't want recirculated money, in other words, the people who already are here and they're just shifting it from a small town to a larger community. Because that doesn't help rural Nebraska and, in the long run, it doesn't help the urban areas either. But we want quality jobs to come in. Well, what are those? How do you measure those? The prior legislation I didn't think was measure those? particularly effective in doing that. LB 620 makes those major changes in how you guarantee what quality jobs are. It's frustrating to come in and look at all of our communities and only do things for larger communities if you're from a smaller community. It's frustrating to be in a larger community and say, you know, we're always doing something for the smaller communities. And, consequently, nobody feels like anything gets done. LB 620 isn't going to make that all go away, but I think if you will listen for a few hours you'll begin to get a flavor of that this balances all those competing interests. Now, other states have some flexibility. It's quite amazing what we do for other states. You know that in Oklahoma they basically have said, look, we're going to give it to an agency and you just go out and make the best deal you can, and they give them all the flexibility in the world. They can cut a deal in Oklahoma within a matter of hours. We're never going to be able to compete with that because this body, at least as long as I'm here, and I think many of you, we're not going to give away that flexibility. Are we are little more conservative? Maybe. Are